## FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2494 - SB 2882

February 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a workers' compensation benefit claim to be filed prior to a benefit review conference being conducted. However, such filings shall not be acted upon by the court system but will be stayed until a benefit review conference can be held at the request of the employer.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Revenue - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption:

 An increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state expenditures for processing the cases and additional state revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. However, most of these cases will be resolved in the benefit review process without ever reaching judgment in the court system.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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